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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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## *Remembering Martha by John Lane*

It's been almost two weeks since Martha Cammack's untimely death and now that the grief is beginning to subside a little and the tears are fewer I've had a chance to think back on her years as an environmental studies student and remember a few of the wonderful moments that came from teaching her in a handful of classes and directing her senior capstone project.

Martha's capstone was called "Redefining Local Food: A reflection of how the idea of local food has changed over the years." Her finished paper is 35-pages long and in it she compares the "old local" of eating at Wade's Restaurant with the "new local" of The Farmer's Table. I was very proud of what Martha did with that project, and all the fun we had talking about food in my office.

Once a week Martha would sit across from me, almost knee to knee in my small office, and hold up her hand when I mentioned the looming deadline and smile and say, "I've got it, Professor Lane."

My favorite Martha email (among many, as the deadline passed) was this one: "Hey Professor Lane, I had a

quick question for you.... I was able to find a good piece on the history of fried chicken and was wondering if you wanted me to include a bit about fried chicken in my introduction as an example of old local or would you want me to include it in my piece about Wade's since it is a staple menu item?"

My answer I think was something like, "Put the fried chicken anywhere you want. Just finish a draft of the capstone!"

But Martha did have it. She finished her fine capstone in the nick of time. Now I have Martha's name in my grade book, a copy of her capstone, some pictures taken on labs, and a few emails we exchanged about assignments. I wish I had a video of her saying, "I've got it, Professor Lane," but I have the memories of her red hair, her ease with deadlines, and her smile. Every time I quote the term she coined, "the old and new local," I'll think of her. And soon I'll go to Wade's and eat some fried chicken in Martha's memory.

*Martha will be remembered at the annual All Saints Tolling of the Bell, 12:30 PM, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 at the Seal of Old Main.*



*Martha with her classmate Rachel Brittenham '13 in hardhats on a recycling plant tour during their Business and the Environment class with Dr. Green.*



*Martha with Lawson, a puppy found in Lawsons Fork Creek.*

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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:** 10:00am-2:00pm. Drop off any old medication at the Sheriff's office or Spartanburg City Hall. Check [www.ariverremedy.org](http://www.ariverremedy.org) for more information. Also look for Spartanburg Citizens for Recycling on Facebook.

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** **Deadline for Applications for SC Wildlife Federation Scholarships:** Full time students currently pursuing environmental education at South Carolina schools of higher education are eligible for these scholarships. Winners will be announced in December 2013 and scholarships will be given at the awards banquet in February 2014. Anyone interested should see Dr. Savage for more information.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** **All Saints Tolling of the Bell:** Join the Wofford community at this annual event to remember those who are no longer with us. 12:30pm at the Seal of Old Main.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shoals Fun Run:** Join us in Glendale! 5K race starts at 10:00am. For information and registration, visit <https://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/shoalsfunrun.aspx>



**November 4<sup>th</sup>** **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** **Upstate Forever Annual Membership Meeting:** Celebrating 15 years of achievements with a special event starting at 9:30am at GOLS in Glendale. Contact Emily Neely at [eneely@upstateforever.org](mailto:eneely@upstateforever.org) if you are interested in attending this event.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** **Special Topics Advising Hour:** The second of four meeting this year especially for Environmental Studies students. Freshmen and Sophomores are invited to learn more about this month's topic, *Study Abroad*. 2:30pm-3:30pm in BSA.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** **Save the Date for Santee Cooper Lecture Series:** Mary Berry, Executive Director of the Berry Center in Kentucky will be on campus to talk about sustainable agriculture in our country.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Vermont Law School – Environmental Law Center*

The Environmental Law Center (ELC) at Vermont Law School boosts “the largest graduate environmental law program in the country and has been ranked #1 sixteen times by U.S. News & World Reports.” It is ranked #1 in the 2013 edition of *America's Best Graduate Schools*.

ELC offers an LLM in Environmental Law, a Master of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), a joint JD/MELP, and dual degrees with institutions such as Yale, Cambridge, Thunderbird, Northeastern, and the University of Vermont.

Their goal is “to educate agents of change who will continue to be guided by the motto “Law for the community and the world” as they set off down their individual paths toward success as litigators, public interest attorneys, environmental and land experts, civil rights advocates, and activists.”

For more information, go to their website. <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/x565.xml>